



FUTURIAN ACTION: Recently there has appeared in Sydney bookstalls a new publication, "Wild West". This, in itself, was of little or no importance to fantasy followers but owing to the circumstances surrounding its release a thrill of expectation has run through local fan circles. This magazine was issued because of the prohibition of importation of U.S. Western fiction. This is a direct result of the ban. Therefore, is it not possible that an Australian professional stf magazine may also be issued? It is a recognised fact that science fiction is the best selling type of magazine.

With the object of acquainting the publishers of "Wild West" with the possibility of an Australian stf magazine, members of the Futurian Society of Sydney have launched a campaign advocating this. Letters to the publishers are commencing to be sent regularly suggesting an all-story magazine, featuring at least one fantasy story each issue. Then, of course, readers will clamour for more fantasy stories – stf readers that is.

Come on fans! Rally round! Send a letter into the publishers of "Wild West" and help! It can be done – but only by united fan action!!!

- 0 -

FUTURIAN ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA: The Executive Committee of the FAA announced this week the main aim of the new organisation. This is stated as "to compile a complete register of all active Australian fans". The idea was off-sprung from Frederik Pohl's now extinct Futurian Federation of the World. However, work has commenced and many interstate and local fans have been contacted regarding the matter.

It has been specifically stated that the FAA does not intend to charter chapters, being, as already stated, mainly a register of Australian fandom. The FAA may also issue an official bulletin of activities etc, but for the present time its main voice will be this magazine.

The Honourary Members list has been finally settled and is as follows:-

- Bert F. Castellari
Charles La Coste
Marshall L. MacLennan
Charles S. Mustchin
H. Pinnock

The committee is throwing its full support in for Futurian action and is urging interstate fans to place more pressure on the publishers of new Australian magazines.

- 0 -

WE HATE TO SAY THIS but it looks as though the ban is definitely in for a time! No magazines have been released for some time though there are still some in stock. The second issue of PLANET STORIES is expected to be released as a remainder within the next two weeks.

ITEMS: Films - "1,000,000 BC" is soon to be released in Sydney. The current issue of PIX has printed

a double spread of scenes from it with commentary which points out the errors made by the film producers. For example - tyrannosaurus fighting a dimetrodon which existed some 100,000,000 years before the tyrannosaurus... "The Man Who Had Nine Lives" has been released at the Capitol Theatre. Stars Boris Karloff..

"Wog" Hockley of Melbourne has contacted Marshall L. MacLennan at last and affirms our statement that the former has one of the best collections of science fiction in Australia. Marshall, however, has not enough time to help in the foundation of the Futurian Society of Melbourne... At a recent gathering at the home of Ralph A. Smith, Ken Williams, new FSSite, entertained other fans with remarkable feats of conjuring..

- 0 -

POLLCORRECTION: Owing to an oversight on the part of the checkers, "Lords of Tranerica" was credited with only two votes instead of three, in our recent poll on the best stories of 1939.

- 0 -

FROM BRUCE M. SAWYER: "The title cut on your fifteenth issue looked like an advertisement for a nudist colony!"

- 0 -

FSS NEWS: At its fourteenth meeting on Sunday 4th August, the Futurian Society of Sydney added two more members to its ranks. They were Ken Williams (now one of the Randwick-Coogee group) and Ian C. Stubbs. Only absentee from the meeting was Keith Hooper who was in Camden at the time. . . . . Total attendance was thirteen. . . . .

Club business included the decision to have special stickers printed (though opinion on this matter was somewhat divided), several proposals for Australia's representation at the World Science Fiction Convention, of which the only suggestion to the worth carrying out is that of the cable. Other points included the decision to move for an Australian stf pro and for a short play to be put on by two or three members. An attempt at Dwyer's "Sydney in 1999" proved to be very poor. . .

The remainder was taken up in scientific and scientific discussion. Much time was spent on discussing what was impossible and what was improbable.

- 0 -

READERS will recall the loss of Numbers 11 and 12 OBS in the sinking of ther "Niagara". On consulting our subscriptions list we find that only two Americans - an error - four Americans will have copies. These fans are Harry Warner Jr, Donald A. Wollheim, R.D. Swisher and Fred Pohl. . .

- 0 -

AUTHOR ALAN CONNELL wishes Sydney fans to know that he still has a number of magazines for sale. We advise you not to miss this chance for all magazines are in perfect condition. There are still a number of Amazings and Wonders available so get them while you can. . .

Futurian OBSERVER: No. 16. is still edited by Bert F. Castellari and William D. Veney and is duplicated fortnightly at 10a Sully Street, Randwick, Sydney, NSW. Price - 2d per single copy - 7 issues for 1/- or 20 cents. (Lowest acceptable from Americans.) Title cuts and cartoons are usually done by Ralph A. Smith, but done this time by Warwick Hockley. . .

